

Students In Free Enterprise

SIFE at FSU

Article I-SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise)

The name of this organization shall be SIFE at FSU of Students In Free Enterprise.

Article II-Purpose

The purpose of SIFE is to establish and direct student generated free market economic education programs on campus and throughout the community. All activities and functions of SIFE at FSU shall be legal under University, local, state, and federal laws.

Article III-Membership

Section 1-Membership is open to all academic majors at FSU.

No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in this organization.

This organization agrees to adhere to the University non-discrimination statement: No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status

Section 2- Recruitment shall take place throughout the year and is open at all times.

Section 3- Revocation of Membership

Membership may be revoked without mutual agreement for non-participation, misconduct, or violations of any provisions of the Constitution. The member will be notified in writing of the possible revocation at least 72 hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal. Membership can only be revoked upon a 2/3 majority vote of eligible members. Revocation of membership will be valid for three (3) semesters.

Section 4- Appeal Process

Any student whose membership is revoked will have seven (7) calendar days to appeal the revocation. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary, and must include any relevant information that has not already been presented. The President will then submit the appeal to the Appeals Committee. This committee consists of 3 executive board members and 4 general members. This committee will then render a decision at the next general body meeting or in seven (7) calendar days, whichever occurs first.

Article IV-Officers

Section 1: Eligibility

All officers of SIFE must be at least a part time student at FSU, there are no GPA requirements.

Section 2: Titles and Duties

The officers of SIFE shall include: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. No member shall hold more than one officer position. All officers shall retain voting rights except for the president who only votes in case of a tie.

The president shall:

Preside at meetings, shall call executive meetings and shall perform all other duties pertaining to this office.

The vice-president shall:

Preside as president in his or her absence, or at his or her request and shall perform all duties pertaining to this office.

The secretary shall:

Record all proceedings of meetings, keep permanent records of all meetings, and address any additional internal and external communications required.

The treasurer shall:

Be responsible for all necessary correspondence and finances of the organizations.

Article V-Elections

Section 1-Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office

Active voting membership will be limited to all students who are active and in good standing with SIFE. Only active voting members who meet the requirements in Article IV will be eligible to run for office.

Section 2-Nomination Process

The nomination process will be held at the second to last meeting of the Spring Term. Any member can nominate themselves or other members for any position. Absentee ballots or proxy ballots are not permitted in the nomination or election process.

Section 3- Election Process

The Elections will take place the last meeting of the spring term. The nominated candidates will be allowed adequate time for a speech or presentation. Then the active members shall vote when the candidates running leave the room. A majority vote wins the election and in case of a tie the president shall vote.

Section 4- Term of Office

The term of office shall not last longer than one calendar year. Newly elected officers shall start their term after end of the last meeting in which they were elected.

Article VI-Officer Vacancies

Section 1- Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office with 2/3 vote from the active members. The officer will be notified in writing 72 hours before his or her possible termination is to be voted so they may defend themselves.

Section 2 - Resignation

Officers wishing to no longer serve on the board must submit a two-week notice to the president and return all relevant information and documents.

Section 3- Filling Vacant Officer Positions

In the event an officer is removed or resigns the nomination process as stated in article V section 2 will take place at the next scheduled meeting. This officer will finish the term of the officer they replaced.

Article VII- Meetings

The quorum required to conduct business is 50% of officers and 50% of active members. The president will be in charge of calling meetings and the secretary will be in charge of notifying all the members. The president shall preside over all the meetings and conduct them in an orderly fashion.

Article VIII- Advisor

Section 1- Nomination and Role

The advisor shall be selected by the officers of SIFE and will be approved by a simple majority vote of the active members. The advisor will act as a mentor to officers and active members. The advisor has no voting rights and has no term restrictions other than he or she must be an active faculty member.

Section 2- Removal and Replacement

The advisor must be notified in writing 72 hours prior to their possible termination so they may defend themselves. It takes a 2/3 vote of the active members to remove an advisor. In the case of an absence in an advisor, a new one must be found within 14 calendar days.

Article IX- Finances

Section 1- Membership Dues

Due to national organization rules there are not to be any dues associated with membership in SIFE. Therefore no student will be denied membership based on dues.

Section 2- Spending Organizations Money

For the protection of the organization and its officers it is required that two authorized signature sign for all transactions. Only the president, treasurer, and faculty advisor can be signers on the organization's account. funds may be spent on office supplies, events, publicity, travel, food etc... but will not be used for anything illegal under University, local, state or federal laws.

Section 3- Transition

It will be the responsibility of the previous account signers to pass on the the account to the newly elected officers. It is also the responsibility of the treasurer to pass on any financial information to the next officer.

Section 4- Dissolution of Organization

In the event of dissolution any money left over from the student government will be given back to the student government. All other monies will be returned to the grantors.

Article X- Publications

Section 1 –Compliance

All advertisements of the organization must comply with the University Posting Policy www.fsu.edu/~posting/fsupolicy.html

Section 2- Approval

The president and secretary must approve all publications, shirts, flyers, etc. prior to duplication and distribution.

Article VIII-Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing and will be voted on at the next meeting; it will take a 2/3 vote pass an amendment.

History of Constitution

Created 10th Day of September 2004

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